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Via ECF

The Honorable Michael A. Hammer,
United States Magistrate Judge
Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building
And Courthouse, 2nd Floor
50 Walnut Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: *Bianchi v. Samsung Electronics America, Inc. et al.*
Civil Action No.: 2:17-cv-01263-CCC-MAM

Dear Judge Hammer:

This firm, along with Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, represents defendant, Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“SEA”) in the above-referenced matter. As per Your Honor’s direction in the Order of June 2, 2022, we are providing a joint status report.

The parties respectfully request that a 60-Day Order not be entered at this time. Although a Settlement Agreement was reached between the parties following an extended mediation with the Honorable Dennis M. Cavanaugh, U.S.D.J. (Ret.), the novel settlement structure, which seeks to settle claims on an individual basis, requires a final step in the process. The parties agreed in the Settlement Agreement that keeping the case active was the best way to motivate both sides to finish the process. Accordingly, the parties request that the Court allow us to continue to provide periodic updates. We anticipate the process will finish-up in approximately four and a half months. Finally, Judge Cavanaugh has asked me to advise Your Honor that he will personally update you next week.

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Respectfully,

/s/ James J. O'Hara

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On behalf of Defendant,
Samsung Electronics America, Inc.

Respectfully,

/s/ Kevin Laukaitis

On behalf of Plaintiffs

Cc: Honorable Dennis M. Cavanaugh, U.S.D.J. (Ret.)